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Sir:

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1. Amendment and Reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 with Exhibits **A** (date-stamped postcard and a copy of the formal drawings filed on June 16, 2003), **B** (Watson *et al.* (1987) *Molecular Biology of the Gene*, 4<sup>th</sup> Edition, Benjamin/Cummings Publishing Co. (Menlo Park, CA), pages 226-227), and **C** (Kristensen *et al.*, *J. Biol. Chem.* 272:12978-83 (1997)) attached thereto; and
2. One (1) return postcard.

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